

# Goodfellow Monitor

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## QUICK BRIEFS

Men's Health Fair: The 17th Medical Group will sponsor a Men's Health Fair June 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Goodfellow Club.

The event will feature special vendors and guest speakers from the medical civilian and military communities.

For more information, call 654-5962 or 654-5238.

Mission Support Squadron Closure: The 17th Mission Support Squadron and its agencies will be closed on June 23 from noon until 4:30 p.m. for a squadron function. Please plan accordingly. For emergencies, call 234-3498.

Change of Command: The 17th Civil Engineer Squadron is scheduled to hold a Change of Command Ceremony Friday at 8 a.m. at the CE Complex.

Lt. Col. Joseph R. Marcinkevich will relinquish command of the 17 CES to Maj. John P. Baker. A reception will follow in the CE conference room. Dress for the day is duty uniform.

For more information, call 654-

**Volunteers Needed:** The 17th Services Division is seeking volunteers to help out in the renovation of the new bistro dining room at the Goodfellow Club. Renovation is scheduled to take place Monday through Thursady throughout the duty day and during off-duty hours.

For more information call 654-5124 or e-mail 1st Lt. Ponce De Leon at roxzanna.poncedeleon@goodfellow.af.mil

# Goodfellow prepares for fun at Combat Dining-In

By 2nd Lt. Ross Davis

17TH COMPTROLLERS SQUADRON

As a reward for all the hard work and dedication everyone at Goodfellow has put forth so far this year, wing leadership has authorized an event that gives an ops tempo twist to a

time-honored tradition. Most have heard of the very common Military Dining-In, a formal dinner structured for the members of a wing, unit or organization. In most cases, it's an assembly of any and all of the base officer and enlisted ranks.

In order to spare everyone the boredom of another cookie cutter formal event, our wing leadership has decided to remind the base that we are warriors and not only do we work hard, but we play hard too. To do so, Goodfellow is hosting a Combat Dining-In, the newest of the Dining-In traditions. The Combat Dining-In is a very informal dinner intended to boost morale, camaraderie and the war fighter mentality. It is also a great opportunity to get your boss back for delegating every -mail they get directly to

There is one great twist to this Combat Dining-In. Since civilian employees are just as much a part of Team Goodfellow and the reason for the continued success of the base, they have been invited to participate as well. Every Airman, Soldier, Sailor, Marine and DoD civilian who works at Goodfellow are invited to attend. The normal rules do apply, however: you may bring your significant other, sister, brother, child, date or any other individual who works off base.

Now for all you extremely motivated, high speed, super hoorah killers; the logistics are as follows. On Saturday, the

best combat Dining-In Goodfellow has ever put on will start at 6 p.m. at the Fire School High Bay. The uniforms authorized are battle dress uniforms, desert camouflage uniforms, flight suits and old-school fatigues. Civilians are advised not to wear their Sunday best, and to possibly bring an extra set of clothes. Tickets are being sold by unit first sergeants and will cost \$12.

The menu will include barbeque, sausage, coleslaw, potato salad, beer, soda and cobbler for dessert. Please keep in mind that whatever

you do not eat will probably end up in your face...so bring your appetites. Also, the Child Development Center will be open for those who notify them

For your entertainment, we are very fortunate to score one of the most highly decorated pilots alive today, Lt. Col. (Ret) Dick Rutan. Lt. Col. Rutan is most prominently known for flying the Voyager aircraft non-stop and unrefueled around the world in December 1986. He is also a highly decorated Vietnam fighter pilot, having been awarded the Silver

Star, five Distinguished Flying Crosses, 16 Air Medals and the Purple Heart. Additionally, four days following the historic flight of the Voyager, President Ronald Reagan awarded Lt. Col. (Ret) Rutan the Presidential Citizen's Medal of Honor. More information on the many achievements of Lt. Col. Rutan can be found on his website: www.dickrutan.com.

In conclusion, we will tell you the real reason everyone should come to the Combat Dining-In: bragging rights! We are having squadron com-Artwork by Airman 1st Class Luis Loza Gutierrez petitions to see who really is the best

squadron/group on Goodfellow AFB. The first contest will

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# Operation K.I.D.S. is coming to Goodfellow

By Master Sgt. Michael DeJacomo

AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER

In an effort to give our children an opportunity to experience what it is like to "deploy," Team Goodfellow is sponsoring Operation K.I.D.S. (Kids Investigating Deployment Services). This is a mock deployment for children ages 5-17 of all branches of the mili-

tary, Guard and Reserve included, to learn what mom and dad might go through when they tasked to deploy. Our intention is to demonstrate the process of deployment and experience field conditions.

Operation K.I.D.S. will be a fun way for children to learn and possibly ease some anxiety and fear about mom or dad deploying.

The children begin the fun at the "recruitment center", Bldg. 246, the Airman and Family Readiness Center Annex (formerly

known as the Family Support Center Annex). Here the parents will be required to fill out some forms, the child will have a picture taken and an Operation K.I.D.S. ID will be made on the spot. They will take an oath and receive orders. On June 17 each child will be recalled via telephone and told where to report and what time to be there. From there they will be divided into two chalks and go through a personal deployment folder line similar to what the service member experiences when tasked. Also, they will receive an Operation K.I.D.S.

Desert Camouflage Uniform t-shirt,

dog tags and a "goodie" bag.

Then they will receive a briefing from the Col. Scott Bethel, 17th Training Wing commander.

After being loaded up on a bus they will be taken to a C-130 at the Fire Academy and "flown" into Discovery Air Base. Here they can experience field conditions, taste test meals ready to eat, see a K-9

> camouflage painting, and various other activities that you might find at typical deployed location. Sign up is going on now and has been extended through hursday, every-

demonstration,

4:30 p.m. Operation K.I.D.S. is limited to the first 100 chil-

day from 8 a.m. to

Of course this could not Artwork by Airman 1st Class Luis Loza Gutierrez be done without the help of volunteers

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from the different organizations on base. However, we are still in need of volunteers to help on the day before and the day of the event. We will also need some members with DCUs to greet the children when they deplane at Discovery Air Base. For more information on Operation K.I.D.S. or to volunteer, please contact Master Sgt. Michael DeJacomo at 654-5572 or by e-mail at michael.dejacomo@goodfel-

# 17 MSG Chief leaves positive legacy

By Airman 1st Class Luis Loza gutierrez

In a room approximately 10 by 10 feet on the second floor of the Norma Brown headquarters building inside the 17th Mission Support Group command section, one can find the office of Chief Master Sgt. Irshad Ali, superintendent of the 17th Mission Support

As one steps into the cozy work area, one cannot help but notice the various items on display throughout the chief's walls, bookshelves and desk. For those that have had the pleasure to get know Chief Ali, these items serve as a testament to the legacy of a man who has served this country with an unmistakable sense of caring, dedication and support for people and the attitude to do right things for the right reasons.

"When I do something for others, it is never with the intention or expectation to get something in return. It is more gratifying if you don't expect something, because you won't be disappointed if you don't get it," said Chief Ali, who is set to retire next month.

"It has always been more important to me to always try to do the right thing for the right reason," the chief added. "Every rank I received was a biproduct of my desire to excel and become not a higher ranking NCO, but a better one.'

One of the first items to grab a person's attention is a large sword mounted on the one of the top shelves in the chief's office. It is a replica sword similar to those used by the cavalry officers of the "Buffalo Soldiers," the name associated with the African American



9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments who valiantly served on the U.S. western frontier from Montana to Texas during the 1800s.

The sword was one of the gifts given to Chief Ali by members of the 17th Communication Squadron's network control center during a going away luncheon prior to his current position in the 17 MSG command section.

The sword rack reads, "'We can, we will,' Buffalo Soldiers, Fort Concho,

Below the sword is a life-size knight's helm mounted to a plaque which reads, "Mantle of Leadership. For genuine concern and care of over 100 troops and families.

It was one of the gifts given to Chief Ali when he was superintendent of the

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## WEEKEND FORECAST **Friday**

**Saturday** Sunny

Low: 73 High: 101 Low: 72 **Sunday** High: 100 Low: 72



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**Bethel** 

lowest level, and then follow the chain of com-

If the process does not produce results, please send an e-mail to:

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# Energy conservation: everyone can contribute

By Chris Wheeler

4TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. -- Simple practices can produce a positive impact on the electrical consumption on any base. A joint effort at all Air Force bases, both in family housing and in duty sections, plays an

The more we save today pays for electricity each month. Here are some ways that will help reduce electrical usage, thus reducing electrical demand and saving

enormous role in what the base

-- Make sure the air filter in the air conditioner is changed monthly. A dirty filter can cause your air conditioning unit to lose 30 percent of its efficiency. A clean filter will

increase air flow throughout your house, thus cooling it quicker. -- Use fans to move air; the simple movement of air can make a room feel cooler.

· Adjust drapes, blinds or shades to prevent sun-

light from heating your house or office.
-- If possible, keep lights low or off. Electric lights generate heat.

Make sure heat-producing equipment such as computers or coffee makers are not located near thermostats. Heat from these appliances causes the air conditioner to run

-- Ensure coffee pots are not left

on after hours. Use bathroom fans to remove moisture

- Use microwave ovens instead of conventional ovens; they produce less

> -- In most parts of the country, the electrical peak hours during the summer are from noon

The more we'll have tomorrow until 6 p.m. If possible, laundry, showers and other tasks that use large

DID YOU KNOW?

<u>June 11</u>

Allied Force ends. More than 800 SAMs

were fired at NATO aircraft, but only one F-117 and one F-16

Another F-117 suf-

fered minor damage from a SA-3 that exploded nearby and two A-10s were damaged by anti-aircraft artillery fire.

Jacqueline S. Parker

becomes the first female pilot to graduate from U.S. Air Force Test Pilot

<u>June 11</u>

1957: Assigned to the

Reconnaissance Wing,

the first U-2 high-alti-

reconnaissance aircraft

arrives at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. The U-2 can fly 10-hour

missions at exception-ally high altitudes at a

top speed of 600 mph.

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Artwork by Airman 1st Class Luis Loza Gutierrez appliances and hot water

should be performed before or after these times.

# Students of the month

squadrons choose their top enlisted student, both in academic performance and in ability to meet military training standards, for recognition as Student of the Month.

The 315th Training Squadron - the only squadron here with both officer and enlisted students - also chooses one officer student.

The students of the month receive a

Every month, Goodfellow's training certificate and a free steak lunch provided by the Rotary Club. Students of

- the month for May are: ◆ Airman 1st Class Tomi Freeman, 312th Training Squadron Tommy
- 2nd Lt. Joseph Brown, 315th Training Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Christopher Kaneaster, 315 TRS
- Army Specialist Joshua Frazier, 316th Training Squadron



Freeman







Kaneaster

**Frazier** 



Master Gunnery Sgt. Chauncey Lovely (left) and Captain Tom Hodge (right) promote Pfc. David Cunha to his current rank. Other Marines promoted on June 1 included Lance Cpls. Matthew King, Joshua Konicki, David Rodriguezramirez, and Kameron Whitt. Marines promoted to Private First Class included Michael Dessner, Joshua Nyala, Eri Olvera, Jonathan Trevino, Jeffrey Tunstall, Jordan Warner, and Michael Wetzel.

Jun 14
1912: Cpl. Vernon
Burge became the Army's first enlisted pilot.

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be decorating a banner given to your squadron by the Combat Dining-In committee. This contest is only for those who are mentally strong enough to combine the wartime mission of your squadron with humor and spirit. The second competition is a series of challenges in which your squadron will choose a team to do battle. Challenges consist of tug-o-war, an obstacle course, and an undisclosed relay. Only those who are fit to fight and fear no pain should volunteer for these challenges.

The final contest is for everyone who attends. The task is simple; merely survive the night without doing anything to violate the rules of the mess. If you do, you can be assured that a yummy grog bowl filled with various ingredients awaits you! Good luck! (1st Lt. Samuel Hutchins, 17th Contracting Squadron, contributed

For the Dining-In's Rules of the Mess, see Page 10.



Photo by Airman Kamaile Chan Manny and his Caucasian Invasion bring some local talent to the



Nematoads guitarist Ted James, "the man with two first names," takes his surf guitar very seriously as he plays here Saturday.



By day, Dennis Hof, Hunt Wellborn, Justin DeWitt and David Wylie are mild-mannered Austin residents. By night, they are 85 Decibels.

# Goodfellow Rocks!



Conrad Wright, guitarist and vocalist for KYA, rocks out during Goodfellow City Limits at Vance Field, Saturday.

KYA, from Austin, was one of six groups who came to Goodfellow for the event.

Six bands from the local and Austin areas graced the stage with their presence for the first ever Goodfellow City Limits event.

Saturday night, from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m., Vance Field was filled with students, permanent party and their families - brought together by one thing in common: music.

Between the Goodfellow's own Adam

Cruz and experimental rockers KYA from Austin were the surf-guitar wielding Nematoads, the local sounds of Manny and **his Caucasian Invasion**, the ever-mysterious San Antonio group Secret Agent Sounds and the high-volume, straight up rock-androll of Austin band 85 Decibels.

Maj. Louis Orndorff, one of the show's organizers, said the idea for the event came from technical training students, who wanted something to do on the weekends here.

He encouraged anyone else with an idea for an event like this to step up and suggest it, because that's the best way to make successful events like Goodfellow City Limits

Hopefully, he said, an awesome show like this will be only the first of many.

(Story by Airman 1st Class Stephen Musal. This story does not imply official endorsement by the United States Air Force.)



Photo by Airman Ka Mike McCarthy, master of ceremonies for the event. treats the audience to a little tune on his guitar.

# At a Glance with Services

### Friday 9

TEXAS HOLD 'EM

7 p.m.

Call 654-3247

## Saturday 10

SUMO WRESTLING NIGHT 9 p.m. Community Center Call 654-3247

Paws On Para The fun starts at 3 p.m., Dress your pet in its test summe outlit and win a gift certificate for your funy friend. Pats will parade around the dance floor at the Community
Center. They will be judged on creativity,
behavior and overall appearance. FMI Call 654-3247

> Check us out on the web! Give Us Your 2¢

## Sunday 11

DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT STARTS TODAY!

HOURS OF OPERATION

# Monday 12

BOWLING At Thede DET ONE FREE DAME OF BOWLING, PER DAY ALL SUMMER!

## Tuesday 13

# WIN CASH

Bird Bingo at 6 p.m dar Bingo at 7 p.m. Community Center Call 654-3247.

## Wednesday 14

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY Every Wednesday 10 a.m. Base Library

Call 654-3232

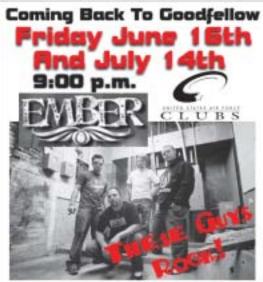
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# Thursday 15

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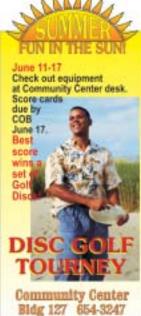
Daddy/Daughter Dance

Reservations Call 654-5327



\$3 - Club members & UBU \$5 - nonmembers SERVICES Free Refreshments







Watch for more events througout the month.

GET HOME SAFELY! Call 654-3252

### **Newcomer's Orientation**

The next newcomer's orientation briefing is scheduled for June 20 at the Goodfellow Club.

Only individuals who have been scheduled by Senior Airman Christina Kuske or the commander's support staff must attend in order to maintain data integrity and accountability. The orientation starts at 7:45 a.m. and is an all-day event.

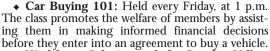
For more information, call 654-3307.

#### 17 TRG Assumption of Command

The 17th Training Group is scheduled to hold an Assumption of Command ceremony June 21 at 9 a.m. at the Louis F. Garland Fire Academy high bay. Col. D. Scott George is scheduled to take command of the group. A reception will follow at the Goodfellow Club. RSVP by June 16. Dress for the day is duty uniform. For more information, call 654-

### Airman and Family Readiness 4

The Airman and Family Readiness Center (formerly known as the Family Support Center) offers the following serv-



♦ Workforce Solutions of the Concho Valley: Every Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon a representative from the Texas Workforce Commission is available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center Annex, Bldg. 246. They will be able to help with issues concerning unemployment compensation, job search, job training and help people create a draft resume in

◆ Smooth Move: Monday, 1-3 p.m. Help reduce moving-related stress by attending this informative seminar. Experts from TMO, Finance, Legal Office Claims Processing, TRICARE, Housing, and the Airman and Family Readiness Flight will brief and answer questions about your upcoming move.

Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Sponsorship training: Monday, 3-4:15 p.m.

Just being a sponsor is not enough; a sponsor must be motivated, concerned for the needs of the newcomer, and creative. During our training we will enlighten the sponsor on available resources, relay some proven tools of good sponsorship, and ignite the spark for creative sponsorship.

◆ Transition Assistance Seminar: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. This threeday seminar is designed for those retiring or separating from the military. Excellent information is given

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on job searches, TRICARE, veterans' benefits. finances and more. Ideally, you will take this class at least 12 months prior to separation/retirement. Civilian clothes authorized. A pre-separation counseling appointment is required before attending the

◆ Marriage 101: June 17, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this seminar, designed for engaged and recently married couples. Highlights of the seminar are Conflict Resolution, Improving Couple's Communication, Personality Types, Common Expectations, and the Keys to a Successful Marriage. Presenters for the seminar represent the Base Chapel, Life Skills, and Family Support Center staff.

◆ **Resume writing class:** June 16, 8 -11 a.m. This skills building workshop teaches the ABC's of resume writing. By taking this class, you will be able to professionally write your own resume and learn how

modify it for all the jobs you seek. Unless otherwise stated, classes are at the Airman

and Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 300. For more information or to sign up for a class, call 654-3893 or visit www.familysupportgoodfellow.org, click on "schedule a meeting," click on "events," then select the class.

#### **Bus Service Change**

The Goodfellow Express bus service between Goodfellow and San Angelo has been changed. Friday bus service now begins at 7 p.m. and runs until midnight.

Saturday bus service continues to run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to midnight, and Sunday service runs from noon to 9 p.m. Cost is 50 cents per ride or \$10 for an unlimited monthly pass.

Housing Survey

Housing resident satisfaction surveys will be mailed to all military family housing residents today. The survey takes 10 minutes to complete. Please limit any comments to the comment sheet provided. A pre-addressed, stamped envelope will be provided for your use. Please complete the survey and comment sheet within the first 2 weeks of receipt. Your survey responses are completely confidential

A short web-based survey is available for all services, civilians, retirees, unaccompanied or unaccompanied, living on base or in off-base housing, at http://airforcehouisngsurvey.us/. Select Goodfellow from the pull-down menu. The case-sensitive password is: good3311. The survey takes 15 minutes to complete. Results of the survey are completely anonymous and will identify housing conditions today through 2011. Questions can be referred to the housing manager, Jackie Allen, at 654-3491.

### **Enlisted Spouses Group**

The Goodfellow Enlisted Spouse's Group is open to spouses of enlisted service members of all branch-

There is no fee to be a member. Please come to the next meeting on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Chapel Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Angie Wilson at 325-212-1376 or GoodfellowESG@hotmail.com.

# Chapel schedule



CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE: The Goodfellow Chapel holds Catholic and Protestant services, religious education every Sunday and other programs.

Catholic services:

- Catholic services:
- Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. and noon Noon Tuesday through Friday
- CCD at 10:30 a.m. in Bldg 135 (Sept-May)
- R.C.I.A. at 10:30 a.m. in Bldg 139 (Sept-

# May) Protestant services (Sundays): Traditional Protes

10:30 a.m., Traditional Protestant Worship

Service

- 2 p.m., Gospel Service
- 6 p.m., New Life Contemporary Service Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. in Bldg 135 (Sept-May)
- Children's Church Sundays with 10:30 a.m. worship service at Chapel

#### Choir Practices (In Chapel)

- 6 p.m. Traditional Worship Team,
- 7 p.m., Gospel Service, Tuesdays 6 p.m., Catholic Choir, Wednesdays
- ♦ 7 p.m., New Life Contemporary Service,

#### Thursdays **Bible Studies:**

- ◆ Catholic Bible Study, 7 p.m. Mondays at Crossroads
- Chit Chat Lunch, 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at
- Crossroads Promise Keepers, 11 a.m Wednesdays, in Bldg 136, 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Crossroads ◆ Family Bible Study, 7 p.m. Thursdays at

Bldg.\_135 For more information on chapel programs, call 654-3424.

For more information on Jewish programs, call 654-3424.

# At a Glance with Services





# EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR REC CAMP POOL

In order to better serve all our valued members of the Services aquatic program this summer; patrons will be limited to

# THREE GUESTS PER FAMILY ON SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS AND FIVE GUESTS ON MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

This will maintain more equitable availability to all members.

Private parties can be booked on Wednesday. Call China Beach at 654-3226 for reservations.

For questions about our swim program call Outdoor Recreation Manager, Ray Kazura at 654-5562. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your patronage.



# **Stolen VA records:** Airmen urged to be vigilant

WASHINGTON -- Air Force officials are asking Airmen to stay extra vigilant in protecting their credit themselves from identity theft in light of the recent theft of 26.5 million veteran's records from the home of Department of Veterans

Affairs employee in May.

The VA announced over the weekend that the stolen records might include personal information of people currently in the military, according to a VA news release. Initial findings from the VA indicated the personal information on about 50,000 active duty, National Guard and Reserve Airmen may have been involved.

As the two agencies compared electronic files, VA and the Department of Defense learned that personal information on as many as 1.1 million active-duty servicemembers, 430,000 National Guardsmen, and 645,000 members of the Reserve may have been included in the data theft, according to the VA release June 7.

The VA has received no reports that the stolen data has been used for fraudulent purposes. However, the VA is asking all veterans to carefully monitor bank statements, credit card statements and any statements relating to recent financial transactions.

Several resources are available for people to go to for more information. The VA has set up a special Web site at www.firstgov.gov/veteransinfo and a toll-free telephone number, 800-FED-INFO or 800-333-4636, that feature up-to-date news and information on the data compromise.

The site offers tips on how to check credit reports, how to guard against identity theft and whom to call if an individual believes any fraudulent activity is occurring using his or her personal information.

The Air Force and Department of Defense are working closely with the VA to determine how many Airmen and other service members may be affected by the compromise of records. Airmen whose information has been compromised will be notified by the VA so they can take the appropri-

Tips on how to watch for suspicious activity include the following:

Closely monitor your bank and credit card for fraudulent transactions. Monitoring accounts online is the best way to detect fraud early.

-- Place a 90-ďay fraud alert on your credit report, which tells creditors to contact you before opening any new accounts or making any changes to your existing accounts. This action may cause some delays if you are trying to obtain new credit.

-- It is only necessary to contact one of three companies to place an alert. That company is then required to contact the other two. The three companies are Equifax (800-525-6285, www.equifax.com); Experian (888-397-3742, www.experian.com); and TransUnion (800-680-7289, www.transunion.com).

Once the fraud alert has been posted, you are entitled to free copies of your credit reports. Review these reports for inquiries from companies you haven't contacted or accounts you didn't open. The alert can be renewed after 90 days.

Airmen are advised to take the following steps if they discover fraudulent accounts or transac-

Contact the financial institution to close the fraudulent account(s) that have been tampered

-- File a report with the local police department.
-- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission by phone at 877-438-4338, online

at www.consumer.gov/idtheft, or by mail to Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Workington DC 20722 Washington, DC 20580.

Additionally, Family Support Centers across the Air Force are prepared to assist anyone with questions regarding identity theft or similar financial concerns, Air Force officials said.

Additional help can be found online at www.militaryonesource.com (Article courtesy of Air Force Print News)

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C2 Command and Control Systems Flight at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

To the left of the shelves is a small, unique plaque with real corn ears give to Chief Ali by two former civilian information managers at Ramstein for his sense of humor.

The plaque's inscription reads, "Thank you for your guidance, support and especially your "corny" jokes!

"I firmly believe that, irrespective of rank, we all have a respective humanity and dignity, and we should all treat each other with respect and dignity regardless of rank," said Chief Ali.

I believe the stripes I wear are loaned to me by Air Force until my retirement," added the senior NCO.

There are dozens of other unique and interesting items throughout the chief's office, each with a story to tell. However, some of the items he takes the most pride in are perhaps the most overlooked by visitors to his office. On the same shelves as the knight's helm and cavalry sword are three thank you letters, one of which is a letter of appreciation printed on a simple white piece of paper, kept inside a wooden frame with four different military coins.

This letter is very special to me. It is one of the three items I refer to as the 'pride and joy' of my collection," said Chief Ali, his voice friendly as he gazed at the letter with warmth and endearment in his eyes.

The simple yet special letter was given to Chief Ali after meeting four Goodfellow Airmen for lunch on

September 20, 2005.
It states, "On Tuesday... we had a chance to sit and have lunch with you, while discussing what it takes to be a Chief. In this discussion, we talked about being an Airman now, progressing through our careers and life in general. You not only guided us in becoming better Airmen, but you shared with us personal experiences from your life. You showed us that there isn't a set of steps to take to become a Chief and that the things you in your life are more gratifying if you do them for the right reasons. The knowledge you shared with us is something that would have taken many years to learn on our own. You will never understand the amount of respect we have for you and how much it meant for you to take the time from your busy schedule to eat and talk with four Airmen. For this, we would like to present you with this letter of appreciation to show our gratitude. Sir, we all think of you as our role model, and your words will stay with us for the rest of our lives."



Courtesy Photo

Cheif Master Sgt. Irshad Ali as an Airman Basic in 1976

There are other letters like this one in the chief's collection and it is definitely not difficult to imagine a few more thank you letters and gifts will be added to the collection in the coming days, or even shortly after Chief Ali retires the stripes the Air Force has loaned him during his nearly three decades of mili-

tary service in July.

Whether it's a thank you letter, a gentle smile or simple handshake extended to the chief, it will undoubtedly have been inspired by the legacy of dedication, support and appreciation he has shown to so many people, including this journalist, who has had

the honor of getting to know him first hand. Thank you Chief Ali. You will be missed.

# **AETC housing privatization on track**

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Despite delays caused by Hurricane Katrina, Air Education and Training Command is still on track to meet its goal of privatizing 100 percent

of military family housing.

The Housing Privatization Initiative was approved by the Department of Defense in 1996 as a more timely and cost-effective way to provide military families with quality housing than the traditional military construction funding process.

Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, was the first military installation to privatize a portion of its housing. The first phase of this project provided 420 homes for military familiary fall 2001. ilies in fall 2001.

AETC is working to privatize the remainder of Lackland's housing requirement under a solesource initiative with the existing privatized owner; the real estate transaction for Lackland's Phase II is expected to close this summer.

Little Rock AFB, Ark., was tingency allowances." AETC's second installation to The command and program. Initiated in 2004, this project has already delivered a new community center, and three model homes are expected to be completed this summer.

Before Hurricane Katrina, AETC intended to convey the rest of the command's military family housing to private developers by dividing the remaining installations into two major groups.
Group I included Altus AFB,

AFB, Texas; and Tyndall AFB, Fla. privatization group, and instead *Education and* Group II included Columbus and AETC is planning to replace all of *Command News Service*)

Keesler AFBs in Mississippi; Goodfellow, Laughlin Randolph AFBs in Texas; Maxwell

AFB, Ala., and Vance AFB, Okla. However, due to the impacts Hurricane Katrina had on the construction industry, such as nationwide cost increases generated by material shortages and limited labor resources, the command encountered delays in both groups, said Garrett Smith, AETC Civil Engineering Housing Branch project manager.

Because proposals were based on pre-Katrina market conditions, we have to take time to resolve the economic disparities Katrina produced in order to ensure the highest quality housing is provided," Mr. Smith said.

'Regional construction costs have risen 15 to 20 percent, utility rates increased 20 to 173 percent and fuel costs are now extremely high," Mr. Smith said. "All these factors have driven project devel-opment costs beyond normal con-

The command and the Group I fruition. implement a housing privatization apparent successful offeror are working to resolve the financial gaps caused by Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Smith said. The transaction closure date for Group I is now delayed until August, approximately eight months from its originally scheduled close date.

But Katrina hit Keesler's privatization plans the hardest, Mr. Smith said.

Originally one of the seven bases in Group II, Keesler has Okla.; Luke AFB, Ariz.; Sheppard been removed from the housing

its housing with a military construction, or MILCON, project. Mr. Smith said the use of MIL-CON will enable a faster delivery of homes to the base.

The MILCON project scope is to build 1,067 new homes. The request for proposals (RFP) for the Keesler MILCON project was released in February, and the proposals received are currently under evaluation. All of Keesler's new homes are anticipated to be complete in late summer 2008.

The original RFP for Group II housing was scheduled for release in September 2005. That date coincided with Hurricane Katrina's arrival on the Gulf Coast. With Keesler removed from the list, Group II's new RFP is scheduled to be released this June, with an estimated transaction closure scheduled for June 2007.

While Hurricane Katrina may have altered the command's timeline, the command remains constant in its efforts to see the housing privatization plans through to

The command has shown that privatization is an efficient way to provide our military families with higher quality homes quicker than traditional military construction allows," said Col. Leonard Patrick, AETC Civil Engineer.

Even though the timeline for AETC housing privatization has changed, our commitment to reaching our goal of providing access to safe, quality, well maintained housing remains the same,' he said. (Story courtesy of Air Training

## Air Force announces more voluntary retirements for officers

WASHINGTON -- The Air Force is offering additional voluntary retirements to a select group of offi-

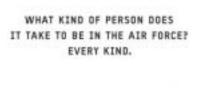
cers, officials announced today.

As a result of the Fiscal 2006 National Defense Authorization Act, the Force Shaping Program Phase II additional measures offer voluntary retirements to officers with at least eight years Total Active Federal Commissioned Service and 20 years Total Active Federal Military Service. The Air Force will waive active duty service commitments (except Aviation Continuation Pay, Judge Advocate Continuation Pay and Critical Skills Retention Bonus) and allow officers meeting these criteria to apply for voluntary retirement on Sept. 1, 2006, or earlier.

Lieutenant colonels and colonels who are retirement eligible are encouraged to apply for retirement between now and Sept. 1, 2007.

Some force shaping initiatives are still offered such as the "Blue to Green" option for officers and the waiver for lieutenant colonels and colonels to retire with two years time in grade through 2007. The Air Force is also authorizing a temporary program to allow officers to establish a voluntary retirement date up to 15 months in advance.

If not enough volunteers elect to retire under this force shaping initiative, a Selective Early Retirement Board could convene in 2007. (Story courtesy of Air Force Print News)



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# AAFES Honoring Frontline Father's

DALLAS - Originally proposed in 1909 as a way to honor a Civil War veteran who was widowed when his wife died in childbirth, Father's Day has become a day to honor fathers, grandfathers and all men who serve as father figures the world over.

With 73,280 military fathers currently deployed in

support of contingency operations, there will be no shortage of dads spending June 18 far from loved ones. This year, any American can help bridge the gap between the front lines and the homefront with a "Gift from the Homefront' gift certificate.

Whether the "Gift from t Homefront" is redeemed by a Soldier for a Military Exchange Global Prepaid Phone card to call home, a CD for an Airman to send a child or a card that lets a Marine tell her dad she is thinking of him, troops know what's best when it comes to the sup port their families need. Accepted at any Army and Air Force Exchange Service facility, including more than 50 exchanges scattered throughout Operations Iraq and Enduring Freedom, exchange gift certificates give troops the best Father's Day gifts possible, flexibility and choice.

'From the Reservist with a young child back home to the active-duty Airman who just left his mom and dad for the first time in his life, Father's Day holds special meaning to the entire military family," said AAFES' Chief of Corporate Communications Lt. Col. Debra Pressley. "Something as simple as a

PX/BX gift certificate can go a long way in making a Father's Day far from home just a little more bearable for a deployed Soldier, Airman, Marine or Sailor.

Any American can share their support for troops deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere overseas or away from home this Father's Day by logging on to www.aafes.org or calling 877-770-4438. From there, "Gifts from the Homefront" are sent to individual service members (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any service member" through the Air Force Aid Society, American Red Cross, Coalition to Salute Åmerica's Heroes, Fisher House, Homefront, Operation Interdependence®, Soldier and Family Assistance Center or USO. (Story courtesy of Artwork-by Airman 1st Class Luis Loza Gutierrez  $A\ A\ F\ E\ S$   $C\ o\ r\ p\ o\ r\ a\ t\ e$  Communications.)



# Found a Lower Price? Let the Goodfellow BX Know



and They'll Match It!

Since they were established in 1895, the military exchanges' mission has essentially been the same: provide necessary merchandise and services to the military. While the retail landscape has changed dramatically over the past 110 years, PXs and BXs of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service are constantly seeking initiatives that meet the needs of troops and their families in the most affordable manner possible.

Maintaining the strength of the exchange benefit in today's competitive retail environment is no easy task," said Goodfellow's BX Manager. Joan Strawderman, "It is only through proactive surveying and review that we can ensure that AAFES prices are

routinely lower than the competition.'

Even with consistent monitoring, AAFES

ensure that, in the event AAFES doesn't have the lowest price; authorized customers always receive the best price.

"We'll Match It!" effort works in two ways. First, if customers see a price differential of less than \$10 they can tell the cashier who will match it on the spot. Čustomers who report a price difference of greater than \$10 dollars need only to bring a current local competitor's ad to receive the reduced price. In either case the competitor's item, of course, must be identical to the item in the AAFES store.

"AAFES is committed to having low prices," said Strawderman. "'We'll Match It' is simply our last line  $\frac{1}{2}$ of defense. After AAFES conducts national surveys and associates from the Goodfellow BX compare local prices, the customer has this program to make sure no one missed anything.

"We'll Match It!" promotes AAFES as a price leader with a pledge that retail stores will match competitors' current, local price on any identical stock assortment. In addition to this same-day pledge, the BX also offers a 30-day price guarantee on any item originally purchased from AAFES and subsequently sold at a lower price by AAFES, or another local competitor (excluding unauthorized dealers and warehouse clubs).

Since AAFES does have a dual mission to provide quality merchandise and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to supplement Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, there are excep-

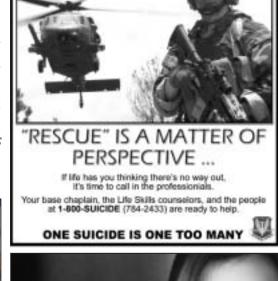
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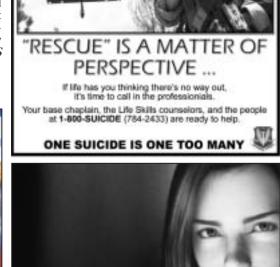
Exchange Catalog found it necessary to institute a program that would and aafes.com, stores cannot accept challenges from any catalog or website. Other exclusions include "gimmick" promotions, warehouse clubs, special order automotive parts, gasoline, automotive labor/service, double and triple coupons, clearance

items, flat percentage off items and vending items.
"We'll Match It!" is available every day of the year
exclusively at AAFES facilities around the world. Purchases from the Exchange generate funds for much needed Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs. In 2004, AAFES contributed more than \$242 million dollars to MWR in support of youth activities, outdoor recreation, bowling facilities and other quality of life programs on military installations worldwide. (Story courtesy of AAFES Corporate Communications)











"Read a newspaper every day, and begin to imagine the future." if: fantage or malify? Buil a navigapen or poe'll namer leave

It all starts with newspapers.

Soldiers - Airmen - Marines - Sailors

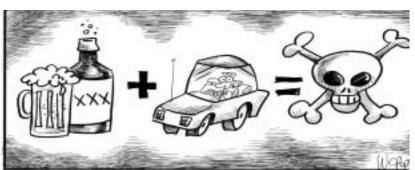
Open to E1 - E6 from all branches, active duty, Guard, Reserve and Dependents

30 free items each month, donations of usable. clean items are accepted.

Bldg. 137 (Across from the parade field). Call 654-5781 for more information.

### **Hours**

Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.





# The Goodfellow You WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

NAME: Andrew Reindl RANK: Technical Sergeant **UNIT:** 315th Training Squadron **DUTY TITLE:** Flight chief

**TIME ON STATION:** 9 months

TIME IN SERVICE: 14 years

Previous bases: Langley Air Force Base, Va.; Nellis AFB, Nev.; The Pentagon; Osan Air Base, Korea.

**Hometown:** Milwaukee, Wis. **Hobbies:** Soccer, roller hockey **ASPIRATIONS:** To own a company FAVORITE QUOTE: "Just do it."

NIKE SLOGAN



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Musa

Tech. Sgt. Reindl explains a form needed for outprocessing to an Airman in his office Friday. Sgt. Reindl assists students with orders and sponsorship issues, as well as advising instructors on personal and professional issues

# **MOVIES**

Movies start at 7 p.m. in the base theater unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 11. Movie times are subject to change without notice.

#### American Dreamz

Today and Thursday

Hugh Grant and Dennis Quaid star in this movie rated PG-13. On the morning of his re-election, the President decides to read the newspaper for the first time in four years. This starts him down a slippery slope. He begins reading obsessively, reexamining his black and white view of the world, holing up in his bedroom in his pajamas. Frightened by the President's apparent nervous breakdown, his Chief of Staff pushes him back into the spotlight, booking him as a guest judge on the television ratings juggernaut.



### Silent Hill

Saturday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

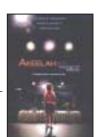
Radha Mitchell stars in this R-rated movie. The doctor of a troubled young girl recommends permanent psychiatric institutionalization. Sharon is a very sick child, yet rather than seeing her child suffer the cruel indignities of the medical profession, her mother Rose ignores her husband's pleas and absconds with her ailing daughter to the fog-enshrouded town of Silent Hill.

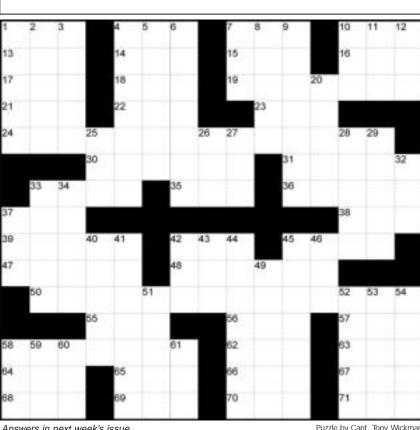


## Akeelah and the Bee

Sunday

Lawrence Fishburne and Keke Palmer star in this PG-rated movie. A young girl learns to believe in herself and value her intelligence in this family-friendly drama. Akeelah Anderson is an 11-year-old being raised by her mother. While Akeelah is a very bright girl, she's hardly a star student and seems afraid of acting like a bookworm around her friends and classmates. However, Akeelah's teacher sees genuine potential in her student and encourages her to enter the school's spelling bee, convinced Akeelah has the brains and the talent to win.





Puzzle by Capt. Tony Wickman Alaskan Command Public Affairs

### June 9 to June 15 dining facility menu

Menu is subject to change Friday

**Lunch** 

Beef and Corn Pie Roast Turkey Fried Shrimp

Saturday Brunch

Swedish Meatballs Savory Baked Chicken Creole Shrimp

Sunday **Brunch** Mustard Baked Chicken

Cantonese Spareribs Oven Fried Fish Lunch

Pot Roast

Roast Loin of Port Baked Stuffed Fish <u>Lunch</u>

Veal Parmesan

Teriyaki Chicken Salmon Cakes **Lunch** 

Fried Chicken Pork Chop in Mushroom Gravy Turkey and Noodles Barbecue Ham Steak

Grilled Steak

Stir Fry Beef with Broccoli Turkey Nuggets <u>Dinner</u>

<u>Dinner</u>

Yankee Pot Roast

Simmered Corn Beef

Pineapple Chicken

Dinner

Hungarian Goulash

Barbecue Chicken Baked Fish

<u>Dinner</u>

**Monday** 

Chili Macaroni Beef Manicotti Southern Fried Chicken

**Tuesday Dinner** 

Meat Loaf Santa Fe Glazed Chicken Turkey a la King

Wednesday **Dinner** 

Lemon-Herb Chicken Stuffed Pork Chops Barbecue Spare Ribs

**Thursday** 

Grilled Salisbury Steak Herbed Baked Chicken Southern Fried Catfish

Hours of operation

Western Winds

Breakfast ... 5-8:15 a.m.

Dinner ... 4:30-7 p.m.

Midnight Meal ... 12:15-1:45 a.m.

Lunch ... 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday to Friday

Lunch

<u>Dinner</u> "Jaegerschnitzel"

Glazed Cornish Hen Roast Loin of Pork

Cressman Monday to Friday

Breakfast ... 4:30-7 a.m. Lunch ... 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dinner ... 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday and Holidays Brunch ... 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dinner ... 4-7 p.m.



# Happy Birthday U.S. Army!

### **ACROSS**

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25. Dejected

27. ER attendants

28. Staircase support

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32. Eliza Dushku show \_

34. Farm equipment maker

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43. Bright-colored Asian

33. Land measurements

37. Summer beverage

41. Decree beforehand

45. Monet and others

46. Popeye's girl Olive

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# Sports

# Picnic with the Padres, Army vs. Air Force Co-ed Softball game



Photo by Airman 1st Class Luis Loza Gutierrez Chaplain Capt. Brian Knutson cuts slices of fresh watermelon for guests attending the picnic.



Photo by Staff Sgt. John Barton (Left) Col. Andrew Britschgi, 17th Training Wing vice commander shakes shakes hands with Master Sgt. Samuel, who deployed as a member of the 17th Security Forces Squadron.

The 17th Training Wing Chapel Office host the 1st Annual Picnic at the Padres Army vs. Air Force Co-ed Softball game Friday at the base's Softball Field 1.

More than a 1000 civilian and military guests attended the event, which treated all guests to free food such as hot dogs, brisket sandwiches and fresh watermelon slices. Sodas were also provided for free to help the crowd stay cool and hydrated outdoors.

The event also featured a softball

game between co-ed teams for the Army and Air Force. The game ended

with the Air Force winning, 6 to 5.

Another highlight of the event featured a "Welcome back" ceremony in the the 3rd inning for those who have been deployed.

"I felt very appreciated when I was presented the medal. It brought a smile to my face," said Senior Airman Brian Henry who returned to Goodfellow May 19 after being deployed to Camp Bucca, Iraq.

"It was definitely a great way to be welcomed back home." (Story by Airman 1st Class Luis Loza Gutierrez)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Luis Loza Gutierrez An Army NCO playing third baseman tries to make a double play by attempting to throw out a runner running toward first base.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Luis Loza Gutierrez Tech. Sgt. Andrea Largent hits the ball between third and second base during the the softball game.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Luis Loza Gutierrez

Members of the Air Force Co-ed Softball team pose for a group photo after the



